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July 13, 1970

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Mr. John Allen Chalk
809 Byrd Drive
Abilene, Texas 79601

Dear John Allen:

I received the attached press release in my morning mail and thought you might like to have a copy. As you will note, Chief Dodson has received a very important assignment on the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council. I believe this speaks quite well for Chief Dodson and thought you might like to pass on a word of congratulations to him.

Warmest person regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James R. Ray", written over a circular blue ink stamp.

James R. Ray
Executive Director

JRR:mg
Enclosure

Jim Ray

A team of 34 experts in law enforcement and crime prevention took up their weapons today to begin the fight against organized crime in Texas.

The group is the operating committee of the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council, created last March 7 by executive order of Governor Preston Smith.

In a meeting Wednesday at the Texas Department of Public Safety, the committee, headed by James M. Ray, chief of the Criminal Law Enforcement Division of DPS, chairmen were named for five subcommittees. Assigned top priority by the group was the mapping of strategy in the organized crime fight.

Subcommittees to carry out this assignment, and their chairmen, are:
personnel, training and equipment, Warren Dodson, Abilene police chief;
intelligence, W.A. Cowan, Jr., DPS Intelligence Service; legal and legislative,
Robert Flowers, Attorney General's Office; operations, Walter Fannin, Dallas Police Department, and public education, W.F. Carter, public information officer, DPS.

Texas Criminal Justice Council, through a planning grant, aided establishment of the 7-member Organized Crime Prevention Council, members of which are Wilson E. Speir, director of the Department of Public Safety; Attorney General Crawford Martin; Carol Vance, Harris County district attorney; Frank Dyson, Dallas police chief; Herman Short, Houston police chief; Marvin Ted Butler, district attorney, San Antonio, and Henry Wade, district attorney, Dallas.

The Criminal Justice Council has received from the U.S. Department of Justice a grant for \$213,669 for creation and support of a statewide organized crime intelligence unit. This grant was subgranted to DPS, which will create the organized crime unit in its Intelligence Section.

The Criminal Justice Council, under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, is making other grants available to units of government in major metropolitan areas and to state agencies responsible for organized crime control.